

Please amend the claims as follows:

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~~14. (Twice Amended) An ointment consisting of acetyl salicylic acid in the range of about 0.001 to 30% by weight per total weight and a base selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon gel, petrolatum and a mixture thereof without any other additive for said acetyl salicylic acid and wherein the ointment does not contain water for dissolving said acetyl salicylic acid.~~

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~~18. (Amended) The ointment of claim 14, consisting of acetyl salicylic acid and a base selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon gel, petrolatum and a mixture thereof without any other additive for destroying the stability of said acetyl salicylic acid and wherein the ointment does not contain water for dissolving said acetyl salicylic acid.~~

Please add the following new claims:

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~~--21. (NEW) The ointment of claim 14, wherein the content of acetyl salicylic acid is in the range of about 0.01 to 20% by weight per total weight.~~

~~22. (NEW) The ointment of claim 14, wherein the content of acetyl salicylic acid is in the range of about 0.05 to 15% by weight per total weight.~~

~~23~~ (NEW) The ointment of claim 14, wherein the base is petrolatum.

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Com 24. (NEW) The ointment of claim 23, wherein the petrolatum is selected from the group consisting of white petrolatum and yellow petrolatum.

~~25~~ (NEW) The ointment of claim 14, wherein the base is hydrocarbon gel.--
